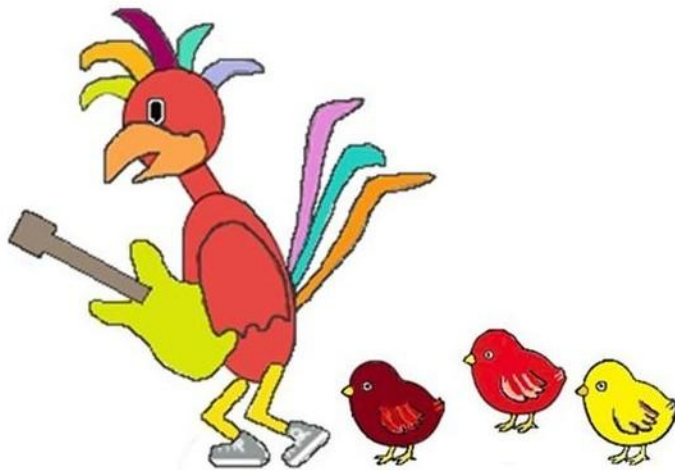


**It's Saturday**



# **Let's Do Church!**

**WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

June 6, 2026

4:30 p.m.

## **The Call of Abram**

God told Abram: "Leave your country, your family, and your father's home for a land that I will show you. I'll make you a great nation and bless you. I'll make you famous; you'll be a blessing. I'll bless those who bless you; those who curse you I'll curse. All the families of the Earth will be blessed through you." So Abram left just as God said. - Genesis 12:1-6

**BE THE CHURCH**

**Fight for the powerless.**

## OUR STATEMENT OF WELCOME

We are:

PROGRESSIVELY UNTRADITIONAL: 21st century minds in a 1717 Meetinghouse!

**Embrace diversity.**

JOYOUSLY INCLUSIVE: Radically open and affirming, all ages, races, gender, and sexual orientation, everyone is welcome exactly as you are.

EXPRESSLY “ON THE WAY”: Faith is a journey. Journey with us!

COMMITTEDLY IN THE COMMUNITY: In helping others, we become our true selves.

## GOD GATHERS US



\*OPENING SONG

Jesus is the Rock

Tony Congi

**Jesus is the Rock and He rolls my blues away (3x)**

**When you wake up in the mornin' and the sky ain't bright and blue  
When you wake up in the mornin' and the big world's after you  
When you wake up in the mornin', Jesus gonna pull you through, cause**

**Ya' know Jesus is the Rock and He rolls my blues away (3x)**

**When you're out on the street and you really feelin' down and low  
When you're out on the street and there's nowhere else to go  
When you're out on the street, well, Jesus gonna save your soul, cause**

**Ya' know Jesus is the Rock and He rolls my blues away (3x)**

**When you look in the mirror - your face causes it to crack  
When you're through with your day, and you feel like you've been attacked  
Jesus gonna love you and baby, now that's a fact, cause**

**Ya' know Jesus is the Rock and He rolls my blues away (3x)**

WELCOME

Pastor Christie

One: Welcome home, whether this is your first visit, or you have been here for years.

Here at West Parish, no matter who you are, and no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. We are glad you are here with us today whether you are

joining us online or in person. Hello, I'm Pastor Christie, and here is Pastor Reed, and we have Steve Gregory as our music minister with the band, AND TOGETHER WE ARE

**All: ONE diverse community**

**Growing up in faith**

**Reaching out in love.**

One: It is good when God's people are together here, and so we can rejoice, because,

**All: It's Saturday, Let's Do Church!**



CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are met in the presence of God

**Many: And we do not meet alone.**

One: With the angels in the highest heaven

**Many: We gather to worship the Lord.**

One: With Abraham and Sarah

**Many: We gather to worship the Lord.**

One: With the saints of every age

**Many: We gather to worship the Lord.**

One: We journey in the presence of God.

**Many: And we do not journey alone.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Generous God,**

**you gave us our voices, no two the same.**

**As you did with Abraham and Sarah,**

**you take and touch our lives and they can become extraordinary.**

**And in your church you have gathered us,**

**in your community of common folk and complainers,**

**prophets and puzzled people,**

**you have called us and made a place for us.**

**So, let what we say and do here,**

what we ponder and decide here,  
be real for us and honest to you,  
as you prepare us for the life of the world in which you are praised. Amen.

## Forgive often.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (we will sing this in echo fashion)

**Our Father... who art in Heaven... hallowed be thy name...**

**Thy kingdom come... thy will be done... on Earth as it is in Heaven.**

**Give us this day... our daily bread... and forgive us all our sins...**

**And lead us not... into temptation... but deliver us from evil.**

Unison:

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory**

Echo:

**Forever..... and ever....**

**Our Father... who art in Heaven... hallowed be thy name.**

### A TIME OF PRAYER



A TIME FOR CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

A SONG OF PRAYER

INVITATION TO SHARING OUR GIFTS

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## Care for the poor.

### Share earthly and spiritual resources.

**THE BREAD OF LIFE  
AND THE CUP OF NEW BEGINNINGS  
ARE SHARED**



Our service of communion is open to all seeking Christ's presence.  
Whether children receive the elements we leave to their parents' discretion.  
We shall be receiving communion by the ancient practice of intinction.  
Come forward, take a piece of the bread, dip it in the cup,  
and consume it on the way back to your seat.  
We offer a communion cup and wafer system of cranberry juice and cracker.

#### INVITATION

Iona Community

In the time of Jesus, sharing a meal with others was never a casual matter. But Jesus welcomed everyone – when he sat at table with all those society pushed to the margins, the ill, the tax collectors, those condemned as sinners, he proclaimed that God's care knows no bounds. This is what we do – welcome everyone!

#### THE STORY BEHIND THE LAST SUPPER

We gather at this table to remember that on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, and gave it to those sitting around him, saying, *"Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."* In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: *"This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."*

Let us pray:

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

**We thank you, God, that you have provided for all the worlds that ever were or will be by giving yourself to them in love. If we go to the height of the mountains, or if we make the grave our bed, you are with us. If we go to the depths of the sea, your right hand holds us fast. We thank you for Jesus, your Word, who lived among us, uncovering your presence. We thank you that you stamped his death with victory, and that Life, not death, has the final word. We ask now that you bless us, as we share this bread and cup, that we might be nourished by the same unbounded love and so be encouraged to be your servants in the world. Amen**

#### THE COMMUNION

Look, the Body of Christ is broken for the life of the world.  
Here is Christ coming to us in bread and juice.  
The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come for all things have been made ready.

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Most gracious God, source of all blessing, we give you thanks for inviting us to share this meal as your family. Strengthen us to be a blessing to one another and to all people, glorifying you in everything we do and say, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



#### SPECIAL SONG

As I Went Down to the River to Pray



#### SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Genesis 12:1-9

#### MEDITATION

Following God's Call

Rev. Christie Burns

#### GOD SENDS US FORTH



#### CLOSING SONG

Softly and Tenderly

Green #303

**Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and me;  
patient and loving, he's waiting and watching,  
watching for you and for me.**

#### *Refrain*

**Come home, come home, ye who are weary, come home;  
earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling – calling, "O sinner, come home!"**

Why should we linger when Jesus is pleading,  
pleading for you and me?  
Why should we wait, then, and heed not his mercies,  
mercies for you and me?

*Refrain*

O for the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and me;  
though we have sinned he has mercy and pardon,  
pardon for you and me.

*Refrain*

WORDS OF SENDING



SONG OF SENDING

Go in Peace

Sam Baker

Go in peace  
Go in kindness  
Go in love  
Go in faith  
Leave the day  
The day behind us  
Day is done  
Go in grace  
Let us go  
Into the dark  
Not afraid  
Not alone  
Let us hope  
By some good pleasure  
Safely to  
Arrive at home  
Let us hope  
By some good pleasure  
Safely to  
Arrive at home.

## WE ARE GLAD YOU WORSHIPPED WITH US TODAY!

All people, young and old and in-between, are lifted up wherever they are on the journey.  
We look forward to worshipping with you again soon!  
Pastors Christie Burns and Reed Baer

“Saturday School” is underway, a special class for our youngsters, held over in Jenkins Hall, led by Pastor Reed and an adult lay teacher/volunteer, during the last 20 minutes of the service. Interested in joining in as a teacher or an extra pair of hands, speak to Reed after church.

**Would you like to play in the Saturday Band? Contact Steve G.**



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**The Week June 6, 2026**

<b>Saturday</b>	6/6/26	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	6/7/26	10:00 am 11:30 am 5:00 pm	Worship Deacons (G) AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	6/8/26	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	AA (J) AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	6/9/26	5:00 pm 6:45 pm	AA (J) W. Barnstable Festival Committee (G)
<b>Wednesday</b>	6/10/26	9:00 am 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	FS Board (G) AA (J) Mercy Otis Warren CC Woman of the Year (M)
<b>Thursday</b>	6/11/26	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast at Jack's Out Back AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	6/12/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	6/13/26	4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Worship All Church BBQ

**Key:** FS = Family School; G = Guild Room; J = Jenkins Hall; M = Meetinghouse; Z = Zoom

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*Protect the environment.*

Care for the poor.

**Forgive often.**

*Reject racism.*

**Fight for the powerless.**

Share earthly and spiritual resources.

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**Love God.**

**Enjoy this life.**

*God is still speaking,*  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**

